

Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(Capital Market Division)
PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Allowing ECB for Capital Expenditure on the Maintenance and Operations of Toll systems for Roads and Highways

Development of physical infrastructure especially Roads and Highways needs to be expedited. Towards this purpose, there is a need to augment avenues for financing of such projects.

2. In order to provide a fillip to this sector as well as to further encourage public private partnerships in Road construction projects, Hon'ble Finance Minister, in his Budget Speech 2012-13 had announced allowing ECBs for capital expenditure on the maintenance and operations of toll systems in the Roads and Highways sector provided these are a part of the original project.

3. This policy decision will provide an additional source of low cost capital and encourage greater investments in Road construction projects.

4. RBI is expected to issue relevant circular/notification giving effect to the aforesaid Budget announcement within 7 days.

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The Press Information Bureau is requested to give wide publicity to this press release.


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